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Constitution and By Laws of the Sharon Lyceum

Constitution.

Art. 1st

This Society shall be called the Sharon Lyceum. Its object shall be the improvement of its members by Lectures and discussions.

Art. 2d The 2-3-4 Articles are amended on page 6th

Any person may become a Member by signing the Constituton, and paying the sum of 12 ct, and such sums thereafter as the Society shall please to assess.

Art. 3d

Its Officers shall consisth of a Prusident, Vice Prusident, & Sectty to be chosen by Ballot, who shall jointly ack as an Executive committee.

Art. 4th

It shall be the duty of the Prusident, or in his absence of the Vice Prusident, to preside at all the mutings of the Lyceum.

Art. 5th

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records and give notice of the meetings.

Art 6th

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to provide questions for discussion, to procure Lectures, if so directed by the Lyceum, and in general to attend to all business of the Society.

Art. 7th

The Lyceum shall meet once in two weeks.

Art. 8th

The Constitution and By Laws may be amended by a vote of the majority of the members present at a meeting: Notice of the proposed amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

By Laws

1st

No Sectarian subjects shall be debated by this Lyceum.

2d "

No personalities shall be allowed in debate.

3d "

No person shall speak while another has the floor, except (~~the latter~~ for explanation.

4th "

No person shall speak more than 15 minutes at any one time without leave from the Lyceum.

5th "

At the close of the discussion, the question shall be submitted to the Lyceum for their decision in regard to its merits.

Adopted January 1st 1845

6th No person shall be allowed to speak on any question but the one selected for debate, neither shall any person be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question while there are others desiring to speak

4 ~~7~~ 6th Adopted Jan[y] 22. 1845
All debate upon the Question shall cease
at fifteen minutes of 9 o'clock

7th The negatives, and affirmatives, shall be
allowed to speak alternately.

8th One disputant on each Side, shall be
appointed by the Lyceum.

At a meeting of the Sharon Lyceum the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year.

N. Q. Sizzle, President
Joel Tatter, Vice President
Charles D. Hixon, Secretary.

After the adoption of the Constitution the following Question was discussed. "Would the Annexation of Texas to the United States be beneficial to us as a nation." After the discussion voted that the same question be continued. Also voted.

That the Ladies be considered as Honorary members of this Lyceum.

Voted:

To adjourn until next Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock precisely.

Charles D. Hixon Secretary

Sharon Dec. 18th 1844

Met according to adjournment in the
Centre School House. & made the proposed
Ammendment to the Constitution in the 3d Article.
After that the former Question was taken
up and discussed by Messrs Sykes. Hitchcock.
E. W. Hitchcock. Hewins. & Tinell.

Before the discussion the Lyceum Resolved
itself into a Committee of the whole.
Bro President I Tiffin in the Chair.
Voted. That the Negative & Affirmative speak alternately.
After the rise of the Committee

Voted: that the same Question be continued.
for the next Meeting.

Voted: That when we adjourn we
adjourn to Meet in the same place
at one o'clock. afternoon precisely 6/12 o'clock.

Voted to adjourn

Attest D Charles D Hitchcock Sec.

Chesterfield Dec. 25. 1844

The Athenian Lyceum held their regular meeting in the Centre School House this evening.
In President Sarah Potter in the Chair.
There being no other business before the Lyceum; the adjourned question was discussed by Messrs. C. D. Hixon, F. W. Hixon, Joel Hawes, Elijah Hawes, C. Ayres & N. B. Rogers.
After the close of the discussion the question was taken on its merits & decided in the Negative by almost a unanimous vote.
After the close of the discussion the following By Law was proposed, which lies over to the next meeting.
No person shall be allowed to speak on any question but the one selected for debate, neither shall any one be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question, while there are others desiring to speak.
The following question for Section of Mr. Hawes, was taken up for debate at the next meeting.
Would the peaceable dissolution of the Union between the Slave-holding & Non-Slave holding States be beneficial to the latter.
Voted to adjourn one fortnight.
Chs D Hixon
Secretary
January 1st 1845

The Sharon Lyceum held their regular meeting in the Centre School House this evening
Pres. Sinell in the Chair
The first business before the Lyceum was the By Law proposed at the last meeting, which upon being taken up was unanimously adopted, as one of the By Laws of the Society.
The By Law as adopted was that
"No person shall be allowed to speak on any question but the one selected for debate, neither shall any person be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question while others are desiring to speak".
After the adoption of the By Law the following Question
Would a peaceable dissolution of the Union between the Slave-holding & non-Slave holding States be beneficial to the latter. being the question for debate was discussed by L. F. Hewins. W. Hay. Jo. Hewins. G. C. Foster C. D. Hilton. E. Hewins. J. Ayres. & A. Snell. After the close of the discussion the question being taken on its merits, it was decided in the negative.
The following By Law was proposed, which by rule lies over until next meeting
All debate on the question shall cease at fifteen minutes of 9 o'clock.
Voted on Motion of Mr W. W. Hay
That Mr J. Ayres be invited to deliver

a lecture before the Lyceum one fortnight
from this evening.
On Motion of Lt D. Hiton, the following
Question was called up for discussion at
our next Meeting
"Would the Temperance Cause be aided
by the enactment of Penal Statutes"

Voted to adjourn for one week

Shenn Jany 15th 1845 Chs D Hiton Lieut

The Sharon Lyceum met according to adjournment in the centre School House this evening. Vice Pres. I Tittle in the Chair.
The first business of the evening was the adoption of the By Law proposed at the last meeting which was unanimously adopted.
After the adoption of the By Law the following question was discussed
"Would the Cause of Temperance be aided by the enactment of Penal Statute".

was discussed by Messrs Hilton, Ayers, Guy, Richards, & Linell.
after the discussion the question was taken on its merits & decided in the Affirmative.
The following Question, upon motion of Mr Ayers was called up for discussion at the next meeting.
"Have Dramatic Entertainments, thus far, been beneficial, productive of good on the whole?"
Voted to adjourn
Chas D Hilton Sec'y
Sharon January 22. 1845

The Sharon Lyceum met according to adjournment, in the usual place. President Sinclair in the Chair.

There being no business before the Lyceum the President introduced Mr Ayers, who entertained the audience for about one hour with a "Satire on the Spirit of the age".

After the lecture voted to adjourn.

Sharon January 29. 1841. Charles D. Hilton Sec'y

Amendment to the above record

Voted That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr Ayers for his able & entertaining Lecture this evening

The Sharon Lyceum held its regular meeting in the usual place, this evening. Pres. Tirrell in the Chair.

There being no business before the Lyceum, Pres. Tirrell proceeded to address the meeting on the subject of "Animal Heat" & in the course of his remarks brought forward many useful & entertaining facts interesting to all to know. After the lecture, Voted;

That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Doct Tirrell for his entertaining & useful lecture.

Voted

That Mr Royce be invited to deliver a Lecture before the Lyceum at such time as may be agreeable to him

In answer to the request Mr Royce said He could not agree positively to do it but should circumstances permit he would most cordially yield to the request of the Lyceum.

Voted to adjourn

Chs D Hixon Sec'ty

Sharon Feby. 12th. 1845

The Sharon Lyceum held its meeting in the Exeter School House this evening
Pres. Tirrill in the Chair.
On motion of Mr Warren Guy
Voted: That the Executive committee assess such Tax on the members as they shall deem necessary to carry on the operations of the Lyceum.
After this above vote, there being no other business, the Question "Have Dramatic entertainments been production of good on the whole" came up for discussion, & was discussed by Messrs J. Ayer & R. M. Hilton, on the affirmation & C. D. Hilton. N. B. Royce. I Herrin. & Saml Felt on the negative. after the close of the discussion the question was taken on its merits & decided in the negative.
On motion of C. D. Hilton the following question was called up for discussion at the next regular meeting for such business.
"Can there be any evil under a government of Laws, so great as to justify its removal by force".

Voted to adjourn

Ch D Hilton Secty.

Sharon February 19. 1845

The Sharon Lyceum holds its regular meeting in the Centre School house this evening.
President Finell in the Chair.
There being no business before the Lyceum Mr Rogers proceeded to address the audience upon the subject contained in the following question, "Will there ever be a time when Republican governments will be universal throughout the worlds?" He maintained the Affirmative.
After the discussion
Voted: That the thanks of the Lyceum be presented to Mr Rogers for his entertaining discourse.
Voted: That Mr Fitch be invited to deliver a lecture before the Lyceum.
Voted: That Misses. Phillips & Fitts be each invited to Lecture before the Lyceum
Voted to adjourn.

Sharon Feby 26th 1845
Charles D. Hinton Secty.

The Sharon Lyceum holds its regular meeting in the School House this evening:
Vice President Sutton in the Chair.
There being no business before the Lyceum, the Question "Can there be an evil so great under a Government of Law, as to justify its removal by violence, was discussed by Messrs C D Hixon in the affirmative & Joel Hawins & Warren Gay, in the negative.

After the discussion closed, the Question was taken on its merits & decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr Joel Hawins the following Question "Has the Colonization movement in this country been beneficial to the African race" was called up for discussion for the next debating meeting.

Voted to adjourn

Chs D. Hixon Sect'y.

Sharon March 5th 1845

The Sharon Lyceum held its meeting in the Centre School House this evening
C D. Hilton in the Chair;
There being no business before the Lyceum.
The Rev W. M. Patch was introduced & addressed the audience from the following subject.
"The Age, its Spirit, its tendencies, & the Qualifications Elements of Character necessary in our young men."
The Lecture was highly interesting, & the good & evil tendencies of the Age, each presented a theme of attention, & the importance of Christing the one, & removing the other seemed urged upon the audience.
After the lecture, on motion of J Hewins
Voted: That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr Patch for his interesting & appropriate address.

Voted to adjourn
Charles D. Hilton Sec'y
March 12th 1845

The Sharon Lyceum holds its regular meeting in the Centre School House this evening.
Pres Terrell in the Chair.
There being no business before the Lyceum the Question "Has the Colonization movement in this Country been beneficial to the African race" was discussed by Mess. I. Hewins & Ayer. then Voted:
That any one not a member of the Lyceum be invited to take part in the discussion:
after which the discussion was continued by Mess. Pettes, W Gay, Jr. R. W. Hatch in the affirmative & Mess. Patch & Pinell in the negative.
Voted; that the same question be continued for discussion at the next meeting
Voted: That the Secretary give notice when there is to be a lecture delivered in each of the meeting houses the Sabbath before.

Voted to adjourn

Chas D Hewins Secy

March 19. 1845.

The Sharon Lyceum met in the Centre
School house, this evening
Pres. Tirrell in the Chair;
On Motion of R. W. Hixson the records of
the last week was ammended so as to read
that the notice of lecture be posted up in the Meeting-
-houses.
There being no other business before the Lyceum
Mr. Pitts was introduced to the audience
& gave them an able & interesting lecture
on the importance of a greater degree
of intellectual culture & the means of ac-
quiring it.
After the lecture voted, That the thanks
of the Lyceum be presented to Mr.
Pitts for his interesting address.

Voted to adjourn

Charles D. Hixon Sec'y

Sharon March 21. th 1845

The Sharon Lyceum met at the usual place this evening

Thos. Tirrell in the Chair.

There being no business befor the meting the question "Has the the Colonization movements in this country been beneficial to the African race" was discussed by Messrs Tillet. I. Hewins & R M Hixson in the affirmation & C D Hixon in the negation. After the discussion closed the question was taken on its merits & decided in the affirmative

Motion was made by Mr Tillet that with the next meting the Lyceum close for the season After some discussion by Messrs Tillet R M. Hixson. I Hewins & C D Hixon. the motion was negatived

On motion of Mr Gay the Question "Would not the Public or private Sale of notes & Accts of debtors, be better for both debtor & Creditor Funds a more effectual mode of Collecting them than Suing, imprisonment, &c. as generally Adopted to at the present day" was taken up for discussion at the next meting for that business.

Voted to adjourn

C D Hixon Sec'y

Sharon Apr. 2d 1845

The Sharon Lyceum held its regular meeting in the usual place this evening.
Vice Pres Little in the Chair
There being no business before the Lyceum the Vice Pres. introduced the Rev C. R. Philips who addressed the audience on the "Advancement of Society. in an intersting & intertaining manner.

On Motion of E Hewins voted that the thanks of the Lyceum be tended Mr Philips for his address.

Voted to adjourn.

Edwin Richards Sec'y. Pro Tem

Sharon April 9. 1845.

The Sharon Lyceum held its regular meeting
at the usual place this evening.
President Tirrell in the Chair.
On motion of C. D. Hiton the question which has
been selected for debate this evening was post-
poned until the next meeting.
On motion of Mr Ayers the following question
"Was the Career of Napoleon Bonaparte pro-
ductive of more Good than Evil." was
taken up for discussion this evening &
discussed by Messrs Ayers & W. Guy on the
Affirmative & S. Z. Tirrell, C. D. Hilton & I. Mowry
on the negative.
After the discussion on motion of Mr. Guy
Voted That the question be laid on the
table.
Voted to adjourn
C. D. Hilton Sec'ty
Sharon April 16. 1845

The Lyceum held its meeting Wednesday evening Oct. 29th George H. Gay Pres. in the Chair

It being the first Business of the Meeting to Select officers Chose Joel Hawins Pres. Saml Davis Secy. Dr. Wood being absent Chose Thos. Saml. Pettis to fill the vacancy The question was then called up for Debate Resolved unanimously, That intemperance Debated by Elijah Hawins & Joel Hawins in the affirmative and Thos. Saml Pettis Warren Gay in the negative The Question was then tried on its merits, and decided in the negative.

On motion of Joel Hawins the following Question was adopted for Debate at the next meeting, Ought Capital Punishment to be abolished, Chose Charles A. Phillips in the affirmative, & Joel Hawins in the negative

Voted to adjourn

Saml Davis } Secty. Oct 29th 1845 H. Hawins

The Lyceum held its regular meting Nov. 12th. 45
the President not being present Chose N. Gay
President Pro. tem.
Chose N Gay Vice President & R M Hixson Sec.
The debate on question "Ought Capital punishment
to be abolished? was postponed to Wed. eve. next
Voted to establish a paper for the Lyceum to be
called the Balloon
Chose C D Hixson editor
Voted to invite the ladies to write for the Balloon.
Voted to Adjourn to Wednesday eve Nov 19th. 45

R M Hixson Sec.
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Sheron Nov 12th. 45

The Sharon Lyceum met this evening in the centre school house.

President W Gay in the Chair

The first business before the Lyceum was the choice of officers.

Chose Charles D. Hixson vice President, and Geo. W. Gay Sec —

There being no further business before the Lyceum the question "Ought capital punishment to be abolished"? was discused by C. D. Hixson and Rev Samuel Lettes jr in the affirmative, and Joel Hewins & R. W. Hixson in the negative.

The question was taken on its merits and decided in the negative.

The Lyceum adopted the following question for discussion at the next meeting. "Have not all men (in this nation) the same natural right to as much soil as they can cultivate, as they have to the air they breath or the water they drink"?

The above question to be withdrawn and an other one substituted if the executive Committee think proper.

Voted to adjourn to meet the second Wednesday evening in January." /46

Sharon Nov 19" 1845 Geo. W. Gay Sec —

List of Members

A. D. Sirrell
Chs. D. Hixson
Elijah Hewins
Joel Letts
Warren Gray
George W. Gray
Edmund Letts Jr
Joel Hewins
Nathan F. Rogers
Joel L. Hewins
Richard M. Hixson
Edwin Richards
John Ayers
Geo. S. Forbes

Amendments to the Constitution

Art 2 Any person may become a member by signing the Constitution & paying the sum of $12.00 and may continue a member by paying a monthly tax of 25 cts during the season of meeting.

Art 3 Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an executive committee of three, to be chosen by nomination as follows. The President Vice President and Secretary, once in two weeks The executive committee and Treasurer annually on the first Wednesday in Oct.

Art 4 The Vice President of one meeting, shall be President of the next, or, in his absence the Vice President shall preside.

The Sharon Lyceum met this evening in the School House —

C. D. Hixon in the Chair.

Chas Warren Gay Sec'y.

There being but four members present, and a meeting of the Lyceum previously appointed having entirely failed it was considered doubtfull whether the Society could be carried forward with profit: therefore on motion of W. Gay voted that when we adjourn this meeting we adjourn without day.

Voted that the Treasurer pay all bills outstanding against the Lyceum — and if there were funds still remaining — that they be paid over to the Committee of Center School District.

Adjourned — Died, as many of its predecessors had done before, of Starvation.

Warren Gay Sec'y

Sharon Jan'y 29. 1846

Resolved – That the character of a People for virtue and intelligence, is influenced by Geographical position.

Resolved – That the course of the Democratic party on the question of slavery, is in direct opposition to true Republicanism.

Resolved – That all men have the same natural right to the soil that they have to the air, or water.

Resolved – That the existence of the Tariff is beneficial to the Poor.

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